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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 11, with the following paragraph:

The above and other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following description when taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings which illustrate ~~preferred embodiment~~ embodiments of the present invention by way of example.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 12, line 2, with the following paragraph:

Fig. 3 is a diagram illustrating an example of a hardware construction of the electronic-mail transmission/reception apparatus 20 according to the present invention. The electronic-mail transmission/reception apparatus 20 illustrated in Fig. 3 comprises a CPU (Central Processing Unit) 20a, a ROM (Read-Only Memory) 20b, a RAM (Random Access Memory) 20c, an HDD (Hard Disk Drive) 20d, a GC (Graphic Card) 20e, an (I/F) interface 20f, and a bus 20g. In addition, a display device 20h and an input device 20i are externally connected to the electronic-mail transmission/reception apparatus 20. The CPU 20a controls the respective portions of the electronic-mail transmission/reception apparatus 20, and performs various operations in accordance with programs. The ROM 20b stores basic programs which are executed by the CPU 20a, data, and the like. The RAM 20c stores programs currently executed by the CPU 20a, and data which are currently processed. The HDD 20d stores programs executed by the CPU 20a and electronic mails which have been received and transmitted. The GC 20e executes graphics-drawing processing in response to a graphics-drawing instruction or the like which is supplied from the CPU 20a. The GC 20e transforms an image, which is obtained by the graphics-drawing processing, into an image signal, and supplies the image signal to the display device 20h. The interface ~~20fe~~ 20f converts protocols when data is exchanged between the electronic-mail transmission/reception apparatus 20 and the Internet 24, and also converts data forms when

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data is input from the input device 20i. The bus 20g interconnects the CPU 20a, the ROM 20b, the RAM 20c, the HDD 20d, the GC 20e, and the interface 20f, and enables exchange of information between the CPU 20a, the ROM 20b, the RAM 20c, the HDD 20d, the GC 20e. The display device 20h is realized by, for example, a CRT (cathode ray tube) monitor, and displays the image signal output from the GC 20e. The input device 20i is realized by, for example, a keyboard and/or a mouse, generates data according to manipulation by a user, and supplies the generated data to the electronic-mail transmission/reception apparatus 20.